

This guide for livestock producers and owners provides an overview of the proposed federal livestock identification and traceability requirements. It is to help regulated parties understand the proposed amendments to the Part XV *Health of Animals Regulations* (Identification and Traceability). It is not a substitute for the law. Provincial and territorial requirements may also apply.

This guide supports the objective of the national Livestock Identification and Traceability Program, which is to provide accurate and up-to-date livestock identity, movement and location information in order to mitigate the impact of disease outbreaks, food safety issues and natural disasters.

= New proposed regulatory requirements

PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

| WHAT TO DO? | | TIME LIMIT |
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| Obtain a premises identification number. | <p>Obtain a premises identification number from your provincial or territorial premises program authority. Refer to the Premises Identification Website for instructions.</p> <p>Premises identification information must be kept up to date with your provincial or territorial premises program authority.</p> | - |
| Report the premises identification number. | When you purchase approved indicators and/or report information related to livestock identification or movements, you must report the premises identification number of your site. | - |
| Site does not have a premises identification number. | <p>If you are required to report the premises identification number of your site and you do not have one, you must report to the responsible administrator the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The legal description of the site • Your name and telephone number • A list of the animal species present at the site • The type of agriculture operation <p>You must report any changes to the premises identification information to the responsible administrator.</p> | <p>-</p> <p>Within 7 days of the change.</p> |

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

| WHAT TO DO? | | TIME LIMIT |
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| Identify bison. | <p>Approved indicators must be applied to animals as described on the list of approved indicators. Refer to the Proposed document to be incorporated by reference - Approved animal indicators for all details.</p> <p>Bison must be identified with an approved indicator before they leave their farm of origin, unless they are moved to an approved identification site.</p> <p>Bison that may cause serious injury to a person trying to identify them can be sent to an assembly point approved as an identification site to be tagged safely. It is the responsibility of the operator of the farm of origin to supply the operator of the approved identification site with approved indicators assigned to the farm of origin.</p> <p>Other exceptions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bison or bison carcasses that have been seized by an authority or have been abandoned • Bison that must be urgently evacuated from a site • When the morphology of bison or bison carcasses does not allow for the application of an approved indicator | Before bison leave the farm of origin. |

ARRIVAL OF BISON AT YOUR SITE

| WHAT TO DO? | | TIME LIMIT |
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| Report the arrival of bison. | <p>When bison arrive at your site, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The premises identification number of the departure site* • The premises identification number of your site • The date and time the bison left the departure site* • The date and time the bison arrived at your site • The identification number on the approved indicators¹ • The license plate number or conveyance identification* <p>*this information will be provided to you by the transporter of the animals</p> <p>You are not required to report the departure of bison from your site, unless you are sending them to a community pasture.</p> | Within 7 days of arrive. |
| Movement of bison to and from a leased pasture. | You are not required to report the arrival of bison at a leased pasture and their return to your farm if all the bison kept at the leased pasture were from that same farm. | - |
| Movement of bison within the same farm. | You are not required to report the movement of bison if they are moved within the same farm. | - |

For **import** and **export** requirements, refer to the Importers and Exporters guidance documents

LOSS OF APPROVED INDICATORS

| WHAT TO DO? | | TIME LIMIT |
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| Arrival without an approved indicator. | You must apply an approved indicator to bison that arrive at your site without one. The new approved indicator must be assigned to your site. | As soon as it arrives at your site. |
| Loss of an approved indicator on site. | You must apply a new approved indicator to bison that have lost their approved indicators at your site. | As soon as the loss of the approved indicator is noted. |
| Report the application of the approved indicator. | <p>When applying an approved indicator to bison, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identification number of the new approved indicator • If known, the identification number of the approved indicators¹ previously applied • The premises identification number of your site • If known, the premises identification number of the departure site • If applicable, the license plate number or conveyance identification <p>You are not required to report the application of the approved indicators if the bison have not been moved from their farm of origin.</p> | Within 7 days of application of the new indicator. |

DISPOSAL OF BISON CARCASSES

| WHAT TO DO? | | TIME LIMIT |
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| Identify the bison carcasses. | Bison carcasses must be identified with an approved indicator if you move them off site for disposal. | Before the carcass leaves the site. |
| Report the on site disposal of the carcasses. | <p>When disposing of bison carcasses on site, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The premises identification number of the site where the carcass was disposed of • The date on which the carcass was disposed of • The identification number on the approved indicators¹ <p>If you dispose of a bison carcass on its farm of origin that has not had an approved indicator applied to it, you are not required to apply an approved indicator to it or report its disposal.</p> | Within 7 days of disposing of the carcass. |

PROHIBITIONS

IT IS PROHIBITED TO

- Remove or cause the removal of bison or bison carcasses from a site unless they bear an approved indicator, with the exceptions listed in the “Animal identification” section above.
- Apply an approved indicator to bison or bison carcasses that are not at the site for which the indicator was assigned, except for bison sent to an approved identification site.
- Apply an approved indicator for bison to animals that are not bison or to carcasses that are not bison carcasses.
- Transfer approved indicators from bison or their carcasses to other animals or carcasses, or reuse an approved indicator.
- Apply, make, sell, or provide a means of identifying bison or carcasses that is likely to be mistaken for an approved indicator.
- Remove² approved or revoked indicators from bison or their carcasses, except at the time and place of disposal of the carcasses.
- Alter an approved indicator in any manner.
- Give, sell or distribute approved indicators assigned for your site.

DEFINITIONS

Approved indicator: refers to indicators approved under the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program. In most cases approved indicators are approved ear tags.

Revoked indicator: refers to indicators that are no longer approved under the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program.

Carcass: refers to any part of the carcass of a ruminant or pig that exceeds 50% of its weight and, as a general rule, it refers to deadstock.

Farm: refers to land, and all building and other structures on that land, that is used under one management for breeding or raising animals, but does not include an artificial insemination unit.

Farm of origin: refers to the farm on which an animal is born, or if an animal is not born on a farm, the first farm to which it is moved after its birth.

Site: refers to premises where ruminants or pigs or the carcasses of ruminants or pigs are kept or collected, but does not include a conveyance.

¹ When you are required to report to the responsible administrator identification numbers on approved indicators of bison or bison carcasses that bear revoked indicators instead, you must report the identification numbers on the revoked indicators.

² The removal of an animal's approved or revoked indicator could be authorized if an inspector determines, based on information provided (whether before, at the time of or within 7 days of the removal of the indicator), that the indicator is causing the animal to suffer.